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PETERS FAMILY

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PETER'S FAMILY

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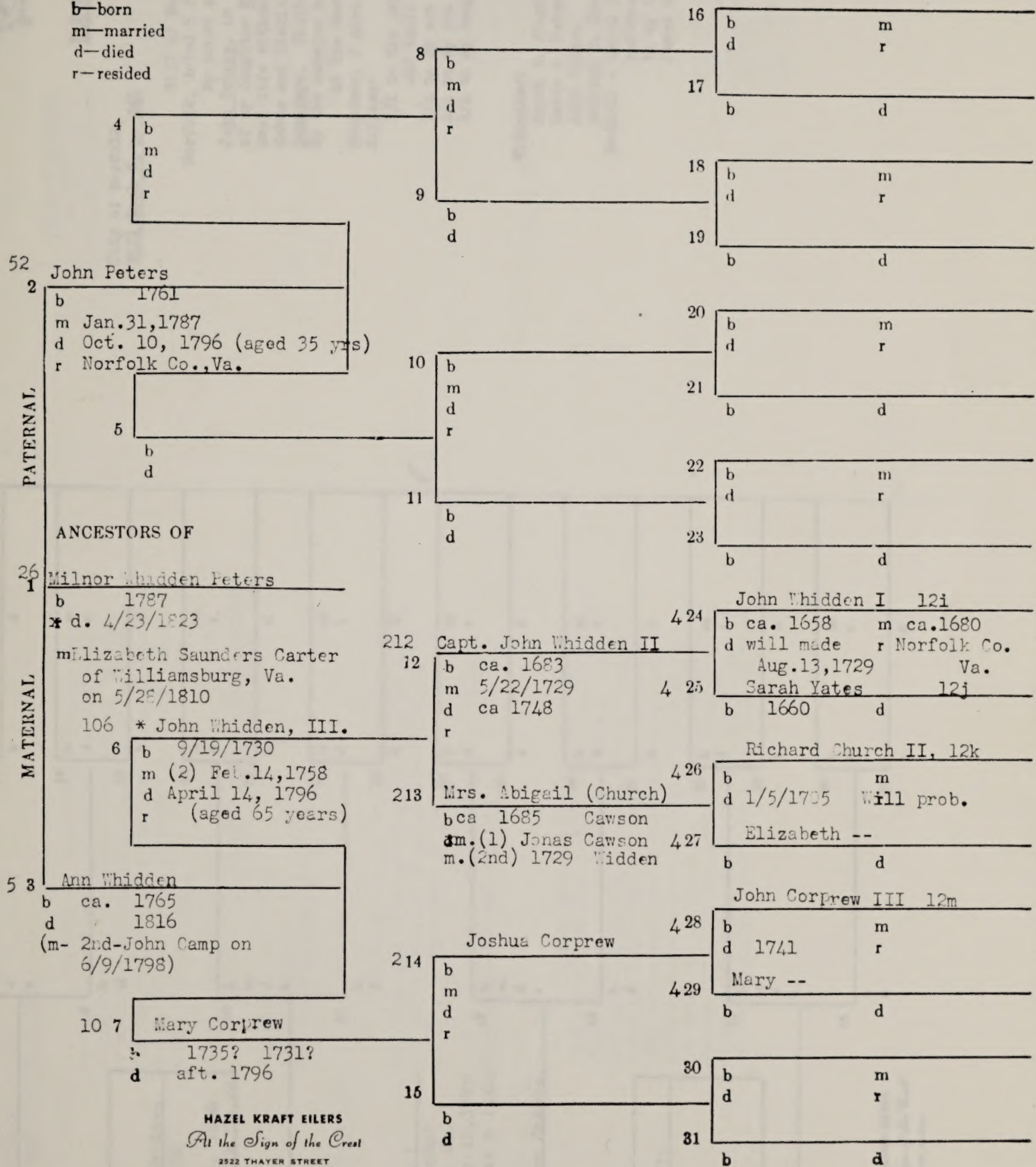
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CHART NO. 12

CONTINUATION OF CHART NO. 1

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248 Augustine Whidden
b m
d will Sept. 13, 1860
r Lower Norfolk Co., Va.

PATERNAL

ANCESTORS OF

424 John Whidden, Jr.
b ca 1658
r Norfolk Co., Va.
d will made Aug. 13, 1729
m Sarah Yates b 1660
ca 1680

MATERNAL

1698 John Cherry,

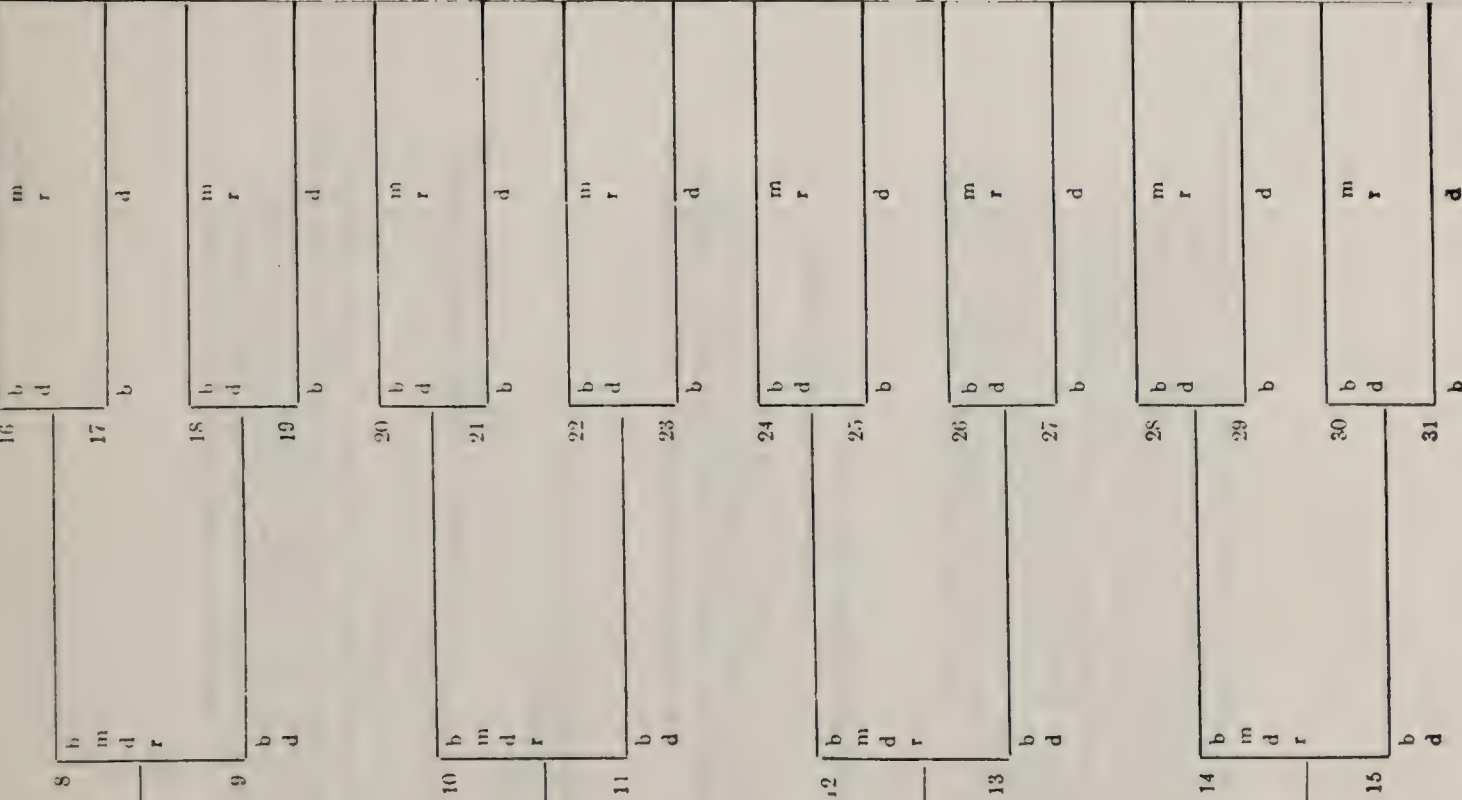
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MABEL LOUISE KEECH
at the Sign of the Cross
EVANSTON, ILLINOIS



Ann Waller Reddy
Historical and Genealogical Research



1005 East Marshall Street
Richmond, Virginia

P E T E R S

City of Norfolk,
Will Book 8, p. 261

Will of Mary C. McCandlish of the City of Norfolk, dated 5 June 1852, proved 23 May 1853.

My house and lot in Norfolk to my nephew, John Peters, in trust for sole use and benefit of my daughter Mary E. Saunders during her natural life without being responsible for the debts and liabilities of her husband, John C. Saunders. (Catherine St. immediately adjacent to the mansion house to the Creek.)

At the death of my said daughter Mary E. Saunders, I give the said lot thus loaned as follows:

- 1/4 to the children of said Mary Saunders and their heirs
- 1/4 to my son Robert McCandlish
- 1/4 to my son James M. McCandlish
- 1/4 to my daughter Anna Maria Boyle

Signed - Mary C. McCandlish

Witnesses:

- Sarah M. Shepherd
- Sarah A. Peters
- John Peters
- Soloman S. Keeling

Codicil - dated 5 June 1852. In regard to lot referred to in my will I give the same to my three children, Robert J. McCandlish, James M. McCandlish and Anna Maria Boyle.

Signed - Mary C. McCandlish

P E T E R S

City of Norfolk
Deed Book 13, p. 277

Received of Jacob Vickery \$244.44 each for our 1/3 of \$733.33, due by said Jacob Vickery to the estate of the widow of John Peters, as part of her dower, for the full possession of the Mansion House in Catherine Street that did belong to the estate of John Peters, and to which said J. Vickery and ourselves were legatees.

Dated 31 July 1816.

Signed - Thomas McCandlish-Seal
Milnor W. Peters - Seal

Witness:

F. Gatewood

Recorded Norfolk Nov. 14, 1816.

Ib. p. 278

Received of Jacob Vickery \$655.55 in full of the amount due me by said Jacob Vickery, it being my part of the overplus of money drawn by him in the division of the estate of John Peters, dec'd.

Signed - Milnor W. Peters

Recorded Norfolk Nov. 14, 1816.

Ib. p. 278

14 Nov. 1816 - Milnor W. Peters and Elizabeth his wife to Mary C. McCandlish, wife of Thomas McCandlish, all of the Borough of Norfolk and Commonwealth of Virginia, consideration \$900.00 one undivided third part of all that lot or piece of land on the west side of Catherine Street with a Dwelling House thereon, bounded on the south by the house and lot owned and occupied by Jacob Vickery and Ann W. his wife, on the west by the Creek, on the nother by ----- St., and on the east by Catherine Street, and is the same lot which

P E T E R S

City of Norfolk
Deed Book 13,
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was set by commissioners appointed by the Court of Norfolk Borough in a suit in Chancery instituted for the purpose of making a division of the estate of John Peters, deceased, father of the said Milnor W. Peters and Mary C. McCandlish, among his heirs, and allotted to Ann Campbell the wife of John Campbell, as and for her dower in the lands of John Peters deceased, her former husband, during her natural life, the other 2/3 of said house and lot being now the fee simple estate of the said Mary C. McCandlish.

Signed - Milnor W. Peters - Seal
Eliza Peters - Seal

No witnesses

Justices John E. Holt and W. B. Lamb, gent. requested to take the relinquishment of her dower from Elizabeth Peters which she did on 14 Nov. 1816.

Ib. p. 6

Deed dated 28 March 1815 - Thomas McCandlish and Mary his wife of the Borough of Norfolk and State of Virginia, to Anne W. Vickery wife of Jacob Vickery, whereas John Peters, late of said Borough, deceased, was in his life time and at the time of his death possessed in fee simple of certain lots of land in the Borough of Norfolk and being so seized and possessed departed this life intestate in the year 1797, leaving three children, to wit, Milner Whiddon Peters, the said Mary C. McCandlish, then Mary C. Peters and the said Ann W. Vickery, then Ann W. Peters, to whom the aforesaid par-

P E T E R S

City of Norfolk
Deed Book 13,
p. 6 continued

cells of land passed and descended in fee simple equally to be divided, subject however, to the Dower of Ann Peters, his widow, now Ann Camp, wife of John Camp. And whereas by a suit in Chancery instituted in the Court of the said Borough of Norfolk for the purpose of effecting a division of the aforesaid lots of land and apportionances among the above named representatives of said John Peters, dec'd, and by the commissioners appointed by the Court to divide the same, a certain parcel of land on the west side of Catherine Street lying between the land of Mrs. Ann Rhodes, on the south, and the Mansion House and lot of the said John Peters, deceased, on the north was allotted to the said Thomas McCandlish and Mary C. his wife in right of said Mary C. and the said Mansion House and lot were allotted to said Jacob Vickery and Ann W., his wife, in right of said Ann W., by certain metes and bounds, and a certain lot on the same side of the aforesaid street with a dwelling house thereon, at the intersection of the said street which ----- street was allotted to the said John Camp and Anne his wife, as the Dower of the said Ann Camp, during her natural life, as will appear by referring to the commissioners report filed in the aforesaid suit and the final decree thereon. And whereas the lot and appurtenances now held by said John Camp and Ann his wife in right of the said Anne as her dower, will after her death be subject to a division among the said Milner Whiddon Peters, Mary C. McCandlish and Ann W. Vickery, and whereas the said Thomas McCandlish and Mary his wife and Jacob Vickery and Ann W. his wife, have mutually agreed to exchange lands so that the fee simple estate in the lands

P E T E R S

City of Norfolk
Deed Book 13,
p. 7 continued

thus exchanged shall be vested in said Mary C. McCandlish and Ann W. Vickery, now this Indenture witnesseth, etc.

Signed - Thomas McCandlish - Seal
Mary C. McCandlish - Seal

No witnesses
Recorded Norfolk 28, March 1818

Ib. p. 8.

Similar deed from Jacob Vickery and Anne W. his wife of the County of Norfolk to Mary C. McCandlish, wife of Thomas McCandlish of the Borough of Norfolk.

Norfolk County
Deed Book 14, p.

21 Nov. 1818 - Milner W. Peters and Elizabeth his wife of the Borough of Norfolk, to John R. Harwood, Esq. of the same place, consideration \$2200. Lot of land on Catherine Street, between Mr. P. Gatewood's property and J. Vickery's to Richard Bagnalls property to the Marsh, etc. it being the same property allotted to said Milner W. Peters by the commissioners who partitioned the property of John Peters, dec'd, etc.

Signed - Milner W. Peters - Seal
Elizabeth Peters - Seal

Witnesses:
John E. Holt
George Newton
Thos. Warren

Recorded Norfolk 25 Nov. 1818.

"PETERS" - (WHIDDON)

NOTE: From these fragmentary records it seemed a difficult undertaking to reconstruct a line for the Massenburg family. However, I persevered, and picked up a clue in unindexed book in Norfolk which, when pursued proves conclusively that MASSENBURG is an ex cursus, altogether collateral, while John Camp married Ann Whiddon, the widow Peters, sister to Martha Massenburg.

Norfolk County, Virginia, January 31, 1787, John Peters and Ann Whiddon, marriage bond.

"Notes from York County, Va.)

(Notes from York County, Va.)

Norfolk City, Va., J.B.2, page 262, John Peters estate in account with John Camp who intermarried with Ann Peters the administrator. 1796 to 1804 is reported; date of sale is 1798.

N.B. 3, page 117, John and Ann Camp on John Peters.. the audit.

Widows dower 2959.22

Milner Peters 639.53 2/3

Mary C. " "

Ann W. " "

Signed by John Camp, agent for administrator, July 9, 1811.

Returned to Court 26 April 1814.

Norfolk City Minutes 13, p. 384, John Camp and Ann Camp, guardians of Milner, Polly, and Mary Peters, orphans of John Peters deceased.

In 1825, Frances Camp, widow, was executor of George W. Camp, dec. Jacob Vickery was her security. Vickery married Ann W. Peters, daughter of John and Ann Peters; Ann, as widow of John Peters married John Camp.

John Camp, Sr. married (1) Mrs. H nn Peters
1798 she died 1816 30 May

(2) Ann Steed)

Children: Sarah Massenburg Camp
Infant 1825

Children) Milner M. Peters
by first husband) Mary C. McCandlish
John Peters) Ann Vickery

John Camp marriage
Martha C. Camp d 1816

Sarah M. Camp
Susannah Emery Camp b. 2 July 1809 Died Aug. 7, 1810
Virginiah-Camp b. 24 May 1811
Smith Shepherd married Sarah M. Camp 18, Oct. 1825

PETERS

Lower Norfolk Co. Antiquary.
V. 3, p. 33. Will of Mary Ashall 17 Feb. 1672/3. Land on which Geo. Ashall did live was divided between James Peters his wife Elizabeth, Jacob John and his wife Mary, Simon Handwick and wife Susan being the daus. of Ashall. Suit Geo. Asha 11 Jan. 25, 1647. Will of Geo. Ashall. To son Geo. not of age of 16, son Richard, dau. Elizabeth wife of Thos. Renolds, dau. Mary Ashall, dau. Susanna. Wife Mary. 1 Sept. Wits: Thos. Budge, Edw. Bragge, Geo. Stevens.

P.A. D.B. No. 2. 1708-1714.

P. 150. Will of James Peters of P.A. Co. to cousin James Lowry, son of James Lowry when 21 yrs. of age. To cousin James Hancock, son of Geo. and Mary Hancock, cousin Capt. Geo. Hancock. 27 Feb. 1709.

P. 34. James Peters of P. A. Co. to Capt. Geo. Hancock 1/2 of cattle, etc. Land in thds Co. known by name of Ryday Island. 19 Jan. 1709. Wits: Ashall Hancock, Wm. Hancock.

P. 74. 6 April 1709. James Peters yeoman to Robt. Wards of P.A. part of a patent granted sd Peters 1690.

W.M. (1) 5, p. 249. John Peters member of Committee for Sussex Co. 8 May 1775.

Norfolk Co. D.B. 9

P. 105. James Peters of P.A. to Wm. Grant land on Tamers Creek Oct. 1709.

P. 106. 15 Dec. 1709 James Peters of P.A. to Edward Harrison tract of land called Short Creek being in the occupation of Edward Harrison and his mother in Norfolk Co.

Lower Norfolk Co. D.B. 4.

P. 144. 25 June 1683 Alice Peeters of Lower Norfolk Co. for natural love and affection I have for my sons Simon Peeters of above Co. my now dwelling plantation at Daniel Tamers Creek in the Co. of Lower Norfolk. Wits: Wm. Porter, Benj. Hargrave.

P. 130. 10 Jan. 1682/3. Nicholas Huggins & Alice his wife of one part & James Peeters of the other part for 200 pds. to James Peeters & Elizabeth his now wife tract of land whereon sd James Peeters now lives being about 200 a. part of a patent granted to Geo. Ashall being divided into 3 parts and is that part commonly known by name of Wolf's Neck which land being sold by Geo. Peeters to James Jackson and by Geo. Jackson sold 16 June 1682 to Nicholas Huggins. Recorded Jan. 1682.

P. 122. 16 June 1682. James Peters & Elizabeth his wife of Little Creek in the Co. of L.N. to James Jackson of Tamers Creek for 200 pds. 200 a of land lying on Little Creek part of a patent of 900 a. formerly belonging to Geo. Ashall and is the share of sd James Peters in right of his wife Elizabeth one of the daus. of sd Asha 11.

W.B. B f. 86 a Lawrence Peeters assigns a patent of land to Richard Whitehurst 7 Oct. 1639 land granted by patent 22 May 1637 by John Harvey to Thos. Davies.

PETERS

Norfolk Co. D. B. 9.
P. 105. James Peters of Princess Ann Co., to Wm. Grant land on Tanners Creek. 15 Dec. 1709.

P. 106. James Peters of Princess Ann Co., to Edward Harrison tract of land called Short Creek being in the occupation of Edward Harrison and Ann his mother situated in Norfolk Co., containing 200 a. 15 Dec. 1709.

D.B. 7.

P. 48. John Cherry, husband of Sarah Cherry one of the daughters of Aaron Springs, dec. suing Wm. Bolton & Eliz. his wife admx. of last Will of Aaron Springs, dec. 15 Sept. 1794.

D.B. 4.

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P. 122. 16 June 1682. James Peters & Elizabeth his wife of Little Creek Co. of Lower Norfolk to James Jackson of same for 200 pds. 200 a. of land lying on Little Creek part of a patent of 900 a. formerly belonging to Geo. Ashall which sd James Peters hold in right of his wife Elizabeth, one of the daughters of sd Ashall.

Will Book B. f. 86a. Lawrence Peeters assigns a patent of land to Richard Whitehurst 7 Oct. 1639 land granted by patent 22 May 1637.

Wm. & Mary Quar. 26. p. 36 Ages of L.N. Co. people 1637-1665. Simon Peeters age 28 in 1640.

P. 38. Simon Peeters age 42 in 1652.

Simon Peeters age 42 in 1654.

Ferdinand Peeters age 27 in 1656.

P. 135. Simon Peeters age 62 in 1672.

Lower Norfolk Co. Antiquary. V. 2, p. 118. June 9, 1798. Marriages: John Camp and Mrs. Ann Peters (widow).

Norfolk City M.B., May 28, 1810, Milnor W. Peters and Miss Elizabeth Carter; Robert McCandlish was security. A note filed with this bond says that the couple was married the same day by Rev. Robert W. Symes, rector of Christ F. E. Church. Also included is a note that the bride, Elizabeth Carter was the ward of Robert Saunders of Williamsburg (all this Peters, Carter and Saunders connection is very good).

Baptismal records of Rev. Symmes record show that Sarah Ann, daughter of Milnor W. Peters and Elizabeth, his wife, was baptized Oct. 20, 1811, having been born February 27, 1811. There was at least one other child born to Mr. Peters, because Mr. Symes made a record in 1813 that he had buried the child of Mr. Milnor W. Peters on June 7.

Calender Va. State Papers V-8

P 233 - July 2, 1776

John Whidden paid 405 Pds. for services of himself and servants in mounting cannon about fortifications at Portsmouth.

L.N. V-3 - 20

Mar Bonds Feb. 7 - 1778

Wm. Cunningham - Miss Eliz. Whidden
Daughter John Whidden

L.N. B-1 - 36

John Whidden, Church Warden, Saint Brides Parish

L.N. - N-4 - P 138

John W. - LN Co. 1782
141-A

L.N. V-5 - P 6 - 1782 Slave Owners

John W. 7 W - 17 Blacks
Terry Point to Great Bridge

Heads of Family Va. Norfolk Co. 1785

Whidden - Jno. 5

W & M V-8 - 2 - P 174
Jan. 31, 1787

Mar. - Norfolk Co.

John Peters - Ann Whidden daughter of John W.

P. Log - N. C. Mar. Bonds

Sept. 22, 1772

John W. Jr. Ann Herbert

Daughter John Herbert

Miss Ida Lee
2913 Noble Ave.
Richmond, Va.

November 14, 1952

RE: Michael Gile Collins

Check your file on the above, my letter of May 21, and see what we can determine on this one.

RE: White

My letter of August 4. Do you think it worth while to dig into this White line any further at your end?

RE: John Peters

I find that he was married on 5-28-1810. So that he must have been assistant to Vichery some time after that time. There should be some records around there which might give us a little better report on this.

RE: Captain Hugh Brown

My letter of July 7, 1952. Would you check on this and see if it is worth while to check into it any further.

MDR:mn

M.D. Futherford

May 14, 1953

Ann Waller Reddy
1005 East Marshall St.,
Richmond 19, Virginia

Dear Mrs. Reddy:

We dug up some items which may be of some use to us in your last quotes. Sarah Ann Peters died in 1840 in Mississippi as per a notice in obituary in local Norfolk paper.

Have been searching through the relatives on this Peters connection for some time and there doesn't seem to be much on him. He appears more or less out of nowhere and goes the same place. My thought was that in view of the fact that he had a job there in connection with the customs, we might find out something through that angle.

After all, I am only interested in my direct lines and our research into these side lines is only because we hope that by so doing we will discover something on the main line. I was hoping that we would find something on the father and mother of Dr. James Carter; the Mother you remember, whose name was Thomasine, left a Will in which she mentioned four sons. Perhaps we could find out more on this.

It would seem as though there should be some records of the father if he was a jailer, as that was undoubtedly a fairly prominent position in those days and obviously they must have had some influence to get it. Something should be available if we can only find it. I haven't had a chance to check over your information thoroughly but will do so as soon as I can.

You may continue your search but as you say, confine it largely to those names that are definitely of interest to us.

Yours very truly

M.D. Futherford

MDR:mn

P.S. It will be about a month before I leave so you will have time to do considerable in the interim and perhaps we will discover these items in the meantime.

I have a reference to Norfolk Deed Book No. 48, p. 338, which gives a list of a number of the people we have been talking about but I don't see anything here which would add anything to the information we have. That is, I mean our search into the ancestors of the one whom we are following up.

Norfolk Journal had a note about the inscription on the tombstone of John Peters, who died October 7, 1796, age 35 years. Also a record of the memory of Elizabeth Tucker Peters, who died September 25, 1795, age 2 years and 2 months.

M.D.F.



Ann Waller Reddy

Historical and Genealogical Research

1005 East Marshall Street
Richmond 19, Virginia

Mr. M. Druxel Rutherford,
4400 Addison St.
Chicago, Ill.

May 9, 1951

Dear Mr Rutherford;
I believe these names could be followed for more research in both York and Norfolk counties.

These are definitely your people and explain why the families intermarrying as they did were difficult to place. We do not have as much proof as we would like to show but had better send this to you so you can see how it goes.

Trust you have a very nice vacation or if your trip is solely business that it will be most successful

Sincerely yours

Ann Waller Reddy
Ann Waller Reddy

AMT:f

I have written to Christ Church for the death date of the daughter born 1810 to see if the church has this as I wanted to look the Norfolk papers of that date to see if they have any information.

My father who married Susan Agnes Lumsden in 1810, I could get her death date if I was going to examine the new papers to see if they helped.

It is of course a chance that she belonged to the same church all her life.

PETERS FAMILY IN VIRGINIA.

John Peters came from New York or Philadelphia, I have always heard, but we have so far, no accurate history before his marriage to Anne Whidden of Lower Norfolk County (now Princess Anne Co. Her family came from England before 1692 from Chagford, Devonshire.

Her father John Whidden 1, at which time he was made Constable for Southern Branch of Elizabeth River - (we have his line back several generations in England.

John Peters and Anne Whidden had three children, Milnor Whidden, Nancy and Mary. Milnor (my grandfather) married Elizabeth Carter of Williamsburg, daughter of Dr. James Carter and Sarah Saunders Carter of Williamsburg - She, Elizabeth, was left an orphan at eight years of age and went to live with her aunt.

Nancy Peters (married Mc Candlish of Williamsburg), Mary Peters married Jacob Vickery of Norfolk, Collector of the Port of Norfolk.

It is said that Milnor, living in Norfolk with his parents, was sent to W. & Mary College and lived with his aunt, while there he married Elizabeth Carter - They came to Norfolk and lived for a while with his sister Mrs. Vickery. Later after children came, moved in house next door (owned by the Vickerys) Milnor Peters was Deputy Collector under his brother-in-law Jacob Vickery's office. They had 3 children John Whidden, my father, Martha and Sarah Anne.

John my father married Anne Browne issue two my father John Peters, only living son of Milnor Whidden Peters, was a lawyer. He was Commonwealth's attorney of Princess Anne Co., later moved to Norfolk and practiced law there, but was made 1st President of The People's Bank, which he helped to organize, served many years there until his death.

Daughters, both long dead. He married secondly Susan Agnes Lumsden (my mother) they had seven children, only three lived to be grown, James Sidney Peters, Bessie (Elizabeth Carter Peters, and Marvin Peters - Sidney, a minister. Church, left 7 children, Marvin left one child and I have only one child, Margaret Britt Mackley - Marvin's only child (Marian Atwood Peters J Christopher (divorced) lives in New York. My daughter Margaret Britt Mackley lives with me, her only daughter Mrs. Basil Spalding III lives in Richmond.

My brother Sidney's children are all living and married, but it would take too long to write out about them today, tho' they are fine and I am very proud of them. One a minister, one a graduated lawyer of University of Virginia, and also graduated construction and civil engineer - lives in Huntington, W. Va. Frank W. Peters

An old family Bible (not mine) says that Martha Peters, my father's sister married Solomon Keding of Princess Anne Co. Their grand children still live in Princess Anne - their old home built in 1634 till standing in Princess Anne, but has been sold several times - Sarah Anne your great grandmother married Thomas Woodhouse of Princess Anne - After my grandfather's death (Milnor Peters in

P. 100-101
 John Peter came from N.Y. or Phila. I have
 always found him to be a very good man, no account
 being before his marriage to Anne Whitton
 of London Norfolk Co. and Princess Anne Co.
 Her family came from England before 1672
 from Chagford, Devonshire, ^{her father} John Whitton I -
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 Southern Branch of Elizabeth River - (We have
 his line back several generations in Eng.)
 John Peter and Anne Whitton had three
 children. Henry Whitton, ancient and Mar-
milnar (my grandfather) married Elizabeth
 daughter of Thomas, brother of Mr. James
 Carter and Sarah Saunders sister of William
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 of age and went to live with her aunt, Nancy
Letter (was the land wife), Mary Peter married
 Joseph Dickery of Norfolk, Collector of the Port of
 Norfolk.
 It is said that she was living in Norfolk and
 my grandfather, who was a slave there, he married
 Elizabeth Carter - they came to the slave and
 lived on a piece of the land which was given
 after the death of the Whitton family. John
Whitton married by the Whitton in laws
 of Whitton family, which was Whitton John
 and Whitton had 3 children John
 and Whitton and Whitton were two

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COPY

Milnor Whiddon Peters and Elizabeth Saunders Carter were married May 23th, 1810.

Their children were
 Sara Anne, daughter of Milnor 18.
 and Edg. Peters born on 27th Feb. 1811.

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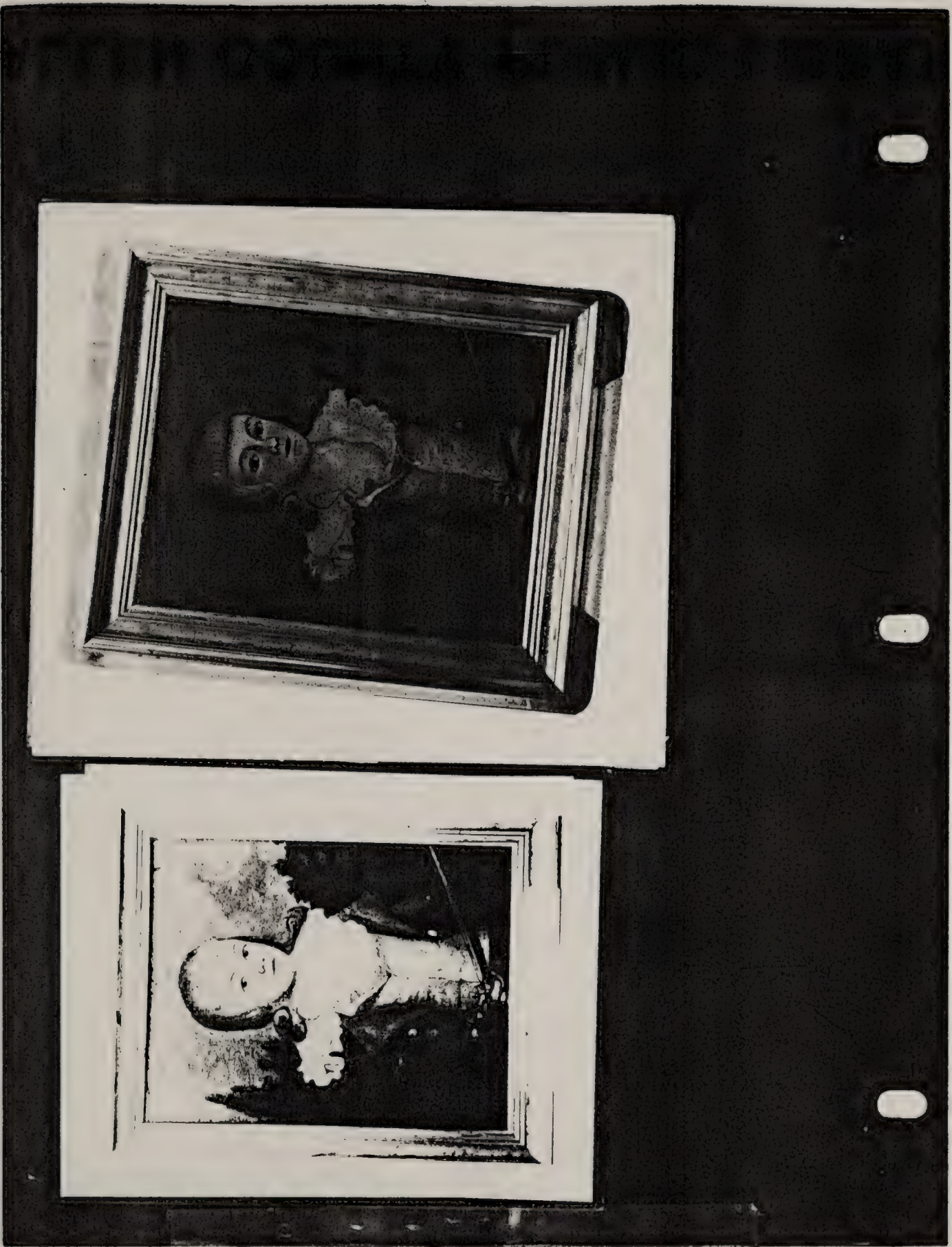
Feb. 15th, 1831.
on Feb. 27th, 1832.

Soloman S. Keeling and Martha Eliza Peters were married on Feb. 27th, 1834.

There are quite a number of Wood houses left,
and Robert W. of Va (Dad) is an grand man in
very way. He has a brother who is a professor
at Univ. of N. C. Cleopha Hill - who is quite a
generalist - Have you the Wood house family?

genealogist - have you? I am sure he has it.
by history? I know very little of the Saunders genealogy, but
they were very prominent in their day in Williamsburg
lived next door to the Palace, the Palace Green and
to James Carter, owned a home immediately across
from the Saunders one of paper sold next to the Palace
more around 80 to 100 lbs. I don't have time any more
to write things up for the first time - so I am full
now - Oct - 4th.





Chicago Historical Society
North Avenue and Clark Street
Chicago 44, Illinois

Lester B. Bridgman, Museum Director

March 25, 1957

Dear Mr. Rutherford:

Thank you so much for your letter of March 20. We are always eager to assist our members in any way possible and for that reason I would suggest that the best place to secure an opinion as to the provenance and artist of your painting, would be to take it to the Art Institute of Chicago. Mr. Frederick A. Sweet, Curator of American Painting there, is an authority on the subject as is also Dr. Hans Huth, the Research Curator, and I feel sure that either of these gentlemen could give you a more authoritative opinion that we could give you here. I would suggest, however, that you take the picture itself in since it is always difficult to form any definite opinion from a photograph.

Yours sincerely,

Lester B. Bridgman
Lester B. Bridgman
Museum Director

Mr. M. Drexel Rutherford
The Wood House
Warrenville Road
Wheaton, Illinois

May 22, 1956

Mrs. Howard Ashburn
211 Dover Circle
Norfolk 5, Virginia

Dear Mrs. Ashburn:

I am sending you a chart of my family lines back to Milnor Whidden Peters who you will see is also my great great grandfather. His wife, Elizabeth Saunders Carter was a daughter of Dr. James Carter and a Saunders girl (whose name for the moment I don't remember) and he was a physician in Williamsburg. Recently the Williamsburg Organization rebuilt his apothecary shop which is right next to the Raleigh Tavern.

I have a great deal of information on him and the Carter line and perhaps we could exchange what we both have. I would certainly like very much to have you take a photograph of Milnor Whidden Peters and I suggest that you have it done by a competent photographer and send me the bill. I would like one that I could reproduce and have photostated so that when I make up my history of the various lines that I am interested in, I could send it to those who descended from him and others. This will not be a published book but merely a typewritten record but it will be far better than any of them have at the present time. I will give you a copy of that also so far as it pertains to the lines in which you are interested.

Yours very truly,

MDR/as

M. D. Rutherford

Personal Stationery

P.S.: Some years ago, I secured a great deal of information from Mrs. Bessie Carter Peters Britt who I assume has passed on as I haven't heard from her recently.

MDR

WEDDINGS

PORTRAITS

COMMERCIAL

HOLLAND STUDIO

218 Warwick Road
Dial M. N. 8-1279
WARWICK, VIRGINIA

M. R. M. Drexel Rutherford

Warrenville Road,

Wheaton, Ill.

October 31, 1956

1 4x5 color Transparency of Oil painting for Mrs.
Robert Telley \$12.00

check #1851
11/14

HOLLAND STUDIO



218 Warwick Road
WARWICK, VIRGINIA

January 30, 1957

Mr. M. D. Rutherford
The Reed House
Warrenville Road
Wheaton, Illinois

Dear Sir:

Please excuse the delay in my answering your letter, but was received at my busiest season, the letter was put aside to be answered later.

Not knowing a great deal about paintings and being able to judge the apparent age of one, I don't feel that I could give you a fair estimate. From all evidence it looks to be a very old painting tho. It does not have a signature.

Hoping that this information will be of some help to you.

Very truly yours:

John W. Holland, Jr.

Jan/57

Holland Studio
218 Warwick Road
Warwick, Virginia

November 14, 1956

Gentlemen:

I am enclosing my check for the 4 x 5 color transparency which was sent to me by Mrs. Robert Tolley.

In your looking over this painting, would you give me your estimate of the apparent age. It is supposed to be that of a gentleman who lived between the years 1787 and 1823. The picture shows an apparently very young person, yet he is carrying a sword. Does the painting bear evidence that it could be that old and does it have any signature?

I would appreciate very much your comments on this and I am attaching a self-addressed stamped envelope for your convenience in replying.

Yours very truly,

Mrs. Howard Ashburn
c/o Mrs. Robert F. Tolley
220 James River Drive
Warwick, Virginia

April 19, 1957

Re: Milnor Whidden Peters

Dear Mrs. Ashburn:

The colored picture of Milnor Whidden Peters was received and I took it to the Art Institute here in Chicago. Their expert says that he thinks it is a nineteenth century copy of an eighteenth century original. In view of the fact that Milnor Peters lived from 1787-1823 this would seem logical. He inquired if it would be possible to find the original as it might be, as you said, a very good portrait. However, he did not seem very much impressed by this copy.

I am going to attempt doing something now which I have been contemplating for some time. Originally I intended to get all the information together on the Woodhouse and allied lines and to publish some kind of a book. That does not seem feasible at this time because there is so much missing information that might possibly be secured that I would wait until some later time to do that, if I can do so. The cost would be considerable and I do not want an incomplete record going out. However, in the meantime I am going to make up looseleaf books of the information that I have and send it to those who are interested in the various lines. In that connection I wish you would give me all the information that you can secure on the Peters and Whidden lines and any others that you think would be of interest to your group. I am enclosing a chart on which I would ask that you fill in your list of ancestors in as complete a form as possible.

Thanking you for your past courtesies and hoping that I can be of still further service to you, I remain

Yours truly,

M.D.R./as

M. D. Rutherford

November 14, 1956

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c/o Mrs. Robert F. Tolley
220 James River Drive
Warwick, Virginia

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M. D. Rutherford

September 24, 1948

Mrs. Luther K. Britt
802 Graydon Ave.
Norfolk 7, Virginia

Dear Mrs. Britt:

Your name has been given to me by Miss Floise D. Hunter as possibly being in position to help me secure information. I am listing below the information I have, and would like to secure additional information tracing ancestry back as far as possible.

"Tucker, p. 123, on Feb. 19, 1831, Thos. C. K. Woodhouse and Miss Sarah Ann Peters obtained a marriage bond (or rather gave one) for their impending marriage. The bond is dated Feb. 19, 1831. Jacob Vickery was the security. A note filed in the Norfolk Borough (or city) records says that the couple was married the same day by Rev. Shepard K. Kollock, Presbyterian."

"Norfolk City M.B. May 28, 1810, Milnor W. Peters and Miss Elizabeth Carter, Robert McCordlish was security. A note filed with this bond says that the couple was married the same day by Rev. Robert W. Symes, Rector of Christ P.E. Church. Also included is a note that the bride, Elizabeth Carter, was the ward of Robert Saunders of Williamsburg." (All this Peters, Carter and Saunders connection is very good.)

"Baptismal records of Rev. Symes record that Sarah Ann, daughter of Milnor W. Peters and Elizabeth, his wife, was baptized Oct. 20, 1810, having been born Feb. 27, 1811."

"There was at least one other child born to Mr. Peters, because Mr. Symes made a record in 1813 that he had buried the child of Mr. Milnor W. Peters on June 7."

The Sarah Ann Peters referred to above was my great-great grandmother and I would like to get any information I can on Peters and Carter lines.

Self-addressed stamped envelope enclosed for your convenience.

Yours very truly,

M. D.

M. D. Putherford

October 15, 1948

Mrs. L. R. Britt
802 Graydon Ave.
Norfolk, Virginia

Dear Mrs. Britt:

Your most welcome letter certainly opened up a lot of new lines for me to check. My original idea in looking up my genealogy was to join the S.A.R. This I did under the supposed services of Capt. William Dale Woodhouse in the Virginia Militia. I say supposed because it was really not clear to me as to whether I had the right William, as there were four William Woodhouses living about at that time. However, it was accepted by the Society and I am a member.

However, I am still trying to add additional names to the list. I am especially interested in trying to make the connection with Capt. Adam Keeling, who had a son Henry, whose daughter Frances Keeling was the wife of William Dale Woodhouse. The uncertainty arises due to the fact that apparently there was more than one Adam Keeling at that time.

Perhaps your Keeling connections can help me out on this. There is a biographical history of Norfolk people in which Milnor Keeling states that his father was Solomon and his grandfather, Capt. Adam of the Revolutionary. I also have a record that Capt. Adam was in the Virginia Light Horse Cavalry. Court records prove that Frances was daughter of Henry and Henry was son of Adam.

It is a matter to wonder at that Henry who was of the proper age to be in Revolutionary War does not seem to have any war record. I have searched many places, such as Lower Norfolk Antiquary and William & Mary Quarterly. If you can help me on this, or put me in touch with anyone who can, I would appreciate it very much.

Also, I am interested, of course, in tracing the Keeling family previous to the original immigrant who was Ensign Thomas Keeling and was the godson of Adam Thorogood and was mentioned in his will. Apparently later on the Thorogoods married with some of the Keelings and I would like very much to know if these Keelings are in my line, as that would give me another line to follow back into England.

Your information regarding the Peters and Whidden line is very interesting and I am wondering if you have this information in a form which I can use with the S.A.R. and the C.A.R., the latter for my daughter who is now seven years old. I am enclosing a D.A.R. lineage blank and if you can help me by giving names and dates, it would be of material assistance to me. The same information on the Carter family as well as the Saunders would also be appreciated.

This begins to develop into quite a chore and I would be very willing indeed to pay for the expense of a stenographer to write this for me as I do not feel I should impose on you to this extent.

I was at Williamsburg last spring and would certainly have been most interesting to me to have visited the sites of the residents of my ancestors had I had your information on the Peters, Whidden, Carter and Saunders families of Williamsburg at that time.

Dr. Virginus Woodhouse was my grandfather and from my records, his mother Sarah Ann Peters, was buried near Norfolk as that is the way in which I originally became aware that my Woodhouses were from that section of the country.

Dr. Woodhouse as you say, moved to Mississippi where we have records of him in the census and other reports, and where he married Sarah Gertrude Owen. Dr. Woodhouse was a surgeon in the Civil War and I have a record of his service from Mississippi History Records. Also, he is mentioned in a very large book published by U.S. Government after the War as having been transferred to the Army of Tennessee. The family records state that as a result of his war hardships that his health was broken and he only lived a few years after the War; died, I believe, in 1870.

My Mother was one of three daughters of Dr. Woodhouse, all of whom are now dead. One married Frank Muse and his family lives in Oklahoma. The other daughter had no issue and the only son, Dale, died without issue also. My Mother, Ella Woodhouse married Milton Brown Rutherford, grandson of Judge John Adam Rutherford - first judge of Lamar County, Texas, 1840-45. The Rutherfords came to Texas in 1835 from Tennessee and Judge Rutherford, in census of 1880, stated his parents were both born in Virginia. There were so many Rutherfords in Virginia and Tennessee at that time I have been unable (up to now) to separate them sufficiently to be able to trace Judge Rutherford parents or grandparents. As you know, they did not have middle names in those days and it makes the task more difficult.

While in New York last week, I was looking for information on the Dale family. William Dale Woodhouse was Betty Dale's, and her father's name was William Dale. There is quite a history of Dales around Norfolk as they seem to be mariners, which I presume to mean sea captains. The legend in my Mother's family was that Dale, from whom we descend, was second Governor of Virginia but as I found Sir Thomas Dale died without issue it made the task more difficult and I came to the conclusion that the Dales referred to was Betty Dale's family.

However, I also found that the William & Mary Quarterly Vol. 17 page 196-202 Sketch of Dales of Lancaster County, Rappahannock River willed his grand-daughter, Elizabeth Carter, bed, trunk and also part of his estate. Other grandchildren included Peter and Joseph Carter. All under legal age. If this Elizabeth Carter is the one who is daughter of Dr. Carter, that would give me another Dale family line to look up. Perhaps you can help me on this.

Yours very truly,

MDR:M
enc.

M. D. Rutherford

I'm keeping your letters so if I find anything of real help to you I will send it on.

Mrs. Luther R. Britt
803 W. Graydon Avenue
Norfolk, Virginia.

November 19, 1948

Dear Mr. Rutherford:

You must be quite disgusted with me for my tardiness in answering your first letter.

It would take too long to enumerate the things that have happened here since. Suffice it to say a death in the family, relatives coming and going and my precious great grand baby 5 years old desperately ill in Richmond. We had to be there. He is out of hospital now and we hope out of danger.

I have a 9 room house, immense lot, to keep up and only a day worker who is very irregular, so I think you can imagine some things I have had to do, also painters in the house for two weeks.

Well, I called my cousin the daughter of Milnor Keeling, whom you quote in your letter; she and I are about the only ones of the Keeling line who are in the least interested in their genealogy. We drove all through Princess Anne County yesterday trying to find out where my grand parents were buried also where your great grandmother (Mrs. Thomas K. C. Woodhouse was buried - we went to the house in which she lived and also my grandmother Eliza Carter Peters died, but found neither grave in the grave yard. We decided they must have been buried in the Keeling Cemetery one mile away so went there, but it was so overgrown with cedar trees and everything else we could not even get in it. - This old place was sold 12 years ago to a Portsmouth man who has divided it into water sites and many of them sold and some lovely homes built. - there they face Lynnhaven River just as it enters Chesapeake Bay - The old deed forbids the cemetery to be molested or sold and must be kept up and cleaned, but it isn't kept up. I was there about 6 years ago and could only get into one corner of it and only could find Solomon Keeling and wife Martha (my aunt). I borrowed the old family Bible from my cousin, who says she will not let anyone but me have it and copied these two sheets from it for you. You can swear all dates are correct - These are all in it that refer to your side of family.

She says that what you say about Capt. Adam Keeling is true and he was in the Va. Light Horse Cavalry - she doesn't know anything of his war record however.

The Keelings, I'm sorry to say though there are quite a few descendants have rather petered out here - The only two I know are Henry G. Keeling - Insurance Citizens Bank Building, Norfolk and Miss Sara Keeling, 504 Fairfax Ave., they may have their family history - They did come over to this country with the Thorogoods and my cousin says married with some of them, she has no records back that far. Old Keeling house built in 1634. Eng. bricks still standing.

Then you know I have no records of the Woodhouses. I wrote

you that Dr. Woodhouse a Professor at Chapel Hill, No. Car. University of N. C. has written the genealogy of the "Woodhouse Family in Virginia". If you will write to him I think he will help you with that, he may have it in book form.

I have no genealogical sheet of any Carter's and Saunders at all just excerpts from things in Wm. and Mary Quarterly and "Kibler's Old Williamsbury Wills" etc., Dr. James Carter's will is in it.

I feel quite sure (tho' can't prove) that Robt. Saunders, President of Wm. & Mary College, was my great Grandmother, Sarah Saunders near relative and he is mentioned in my Grandfather's will as executor.

Mrs. Lewis Chapman, Smithfield, Va., (a genealogist) is of my line of Carters, she has done some work on it for me, I did not join D.A.R.'s on these Carters or Saunders, too much trouble and expense, I joined on Maj. James Crump's record my mother's ancestor because it was just handed down to me, also on her Harris line.

I'm sorry but I don't think I can do anymore on these records. It makes me sick everytime I do it, I am old and quite feeble, but if you are in Norfolk I would like to have you call. My father's family Bible was stolen from our cottage at Va. Beach in a mahogany chest of my fathers law library and Bible - it was a great loss.

With kindest regards.

(Mrs. L.R.) Bessie Peters Britt.

November 24, 1948

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November 12, 1948

Mrs. L. R. Britt
80 W. Graydon Ave.
Norfolk, Virginia

Dear Mrs. Britt:

A correspondent, and distant relative of the Noland family, of California advises me that Robert Saunders was President of William and Mary College about 1853. Could this be the father, or perhaps the same Robert Saunders, that was guardian of Elizabeth Carter who married Milnor Peters?

In looking over my previous letter to you I realize now that I gave you quite a large task and am afraid it is going to prove too much for you. If you will give me the name of the Keeling connections whom you were going to contact, perhaps I can contact them direct and save you that trouble.

In the meantime I would certainly appreciate anything you will be able to tell me on the Peter-Carter-Whidden lines.

Yours very truly,

MDR:H

M. D. Rutherford

December 7, 1948

Mrs. L. R. Britt
803 W. Graydon Ave.
Norfolk, Va.

Dear Mrs. Britt:

I hesitate to bother you again but I noticed in one of your earlier letters that you had the Whidden Genealogy for several generations back in England. I have had my investigators here and in Washington try to find something on Whidden but they are unable to do so, and would appreciate it if you will let me have what you have in your records.

If it is in printed form and it would be convenient for you to do so please mail to me and I will have it photostated. It is in a form that can be photostated and is not convenient for you to send to me. I will appreciate your having it done there. Photostating is a very satisfactory way of copying anything and the cost is usually quite reasonable, around 50¢ a page, and it has the added advantage of being capable of reproduction and as I am intending (in the future) to make several copies of these papers and supply other members of the family with copies of this genealogy, this photostating will be of considerable advantage to me.

I would be very glad to pay for any expenses, of any kind connected with this, even to taxi fares or similar expense in having the work done.

Yours very truly,

MEM

M. D. Rutherford

December 28, 1948

Mrs. L. R. Britt
803 W. Graydon Ave.
Norfolk, Virginia

Dear Mrs. Britt:

With further reference to my observations on Henry Keeling. One of my genealogists reported that the STANDARD of Richmond, Va. published in 1880 some items on Keeling. I have another genealogist, who does work for me in Historical records of Virginia, photostat these files and in it there is a reference to Reverend Henry Keeling who was one of a large family, including Jacob as the oldest.

This Rev. Keeling also had a son Reverend Keeling, mentioned in the book "Virginia Baptist Ministers" who had a son Robert, a Captain from Alabama Regiment killed in the Battle of Seven Pines. If this is the Henry Keeling I am referring to, it would explain why during the Revolution he is listed in official records as being one of those contributing to the Patriots Cause.

Incidentally, I have photostat copy of this list and it shows not only Henry Keeling but practically everyone of consequence in the county at that time, including all of our relations. Also, I have photostat copies of two petitions signed by practically all of the inhabitants of the county dated in 1780 and 1783. These are quite interesting as it shows the actual handwriting of these people. If you are interested I can arrange to have copies made for you.

Also the reference to the Reverend Henry Keeling above stated that his son said he was born in Lynhaven in the middle 1700s and died in 1820. These dates seem to correspond with what other information I have, as we know that Henry was a slave owner and property owner as early as 1774 which would mean that he was 21 at that time. Perhaps this information will be interesting to the Keeling with whom you talked and from whom you secured the information you gave me.

(over)

Aug. 6, 1943

PREPARED BY: Mrs. Luther R. Britt, 203 Graydon Avenue, Norfolk, Va.

John Peters I came to Norfolk County, now Prince George, in 1730 and something from Philadelphia or N. J. I was only eight years old when my father died and I should have inquired of this from my mother when I grew older. However, she was not much interested in genealogy, so she may not have known. This John I married Anne Whiddon from Shropshire, England, either before coming to America or after coming to Norfolk Co.

I do not know where the land is located or when the grant was acquired, but there was a creek named Peters in Colonial times and I imagine it ran through his land. John I bought or built a small house at the Court House, which he left to his son, Milnor Peters. His father John had rebuilt and enlarged it. The house still stands and is called even now "The Peters House" - picture in "Old Houses in Princess Anne" (By Mrs. Kellam). John Peters left 2 daughters; Mary Whiddon married Jacob Vickery of Norfolk, Col. of the Port of Norfolk. Anne Whiddon married Robt McCandlish of Williamsburg (a lawyer). The son, Milnor Whiddon Peters, married Elizabeth Saunders Carter of Williamsburg, the daughter of Dr. James Carter and Sarah Saunders Carter. She was an orphan at 8 yrs. of age and went to live with her mother's sister, Mrs. Thomas McCandlish. Milnor Peters went to live with his sister, Mrs. Robt. McCandlish, while attending William & Mary College. These two McCandlish men presumably were brothers, so Milnor and Elizabeth Carter were thrown together, fell in love and were married. They went to live in Norfolk with his sister, Mrs. Jacob Vickery, in their lovely old home on Bough Street, still standing. Milnor was employed by his brother-in-law, Capt Vickery, as deputy. They lived there until their children were born, several Vickerys were born, when they moved to a smaller house on same lot - belonging to Capt Vickery. There they lived until his death in 1923 of pneumonia. Their three children were Martha, John Whiddon and Sarah Anne. Martha married Solomon Keeling of Princess Anne Co. Sarah Anne married Thomas K. Woodhouse of Princess Anne Co. John Whiddon married three times; first, Miss Shepherd, died in six months. Second wife, Mrs. Mullen; they had two children, Frances and Martha. Their mother died also also very young and he married Susan Agnes Lumsden, then of Princess Anne Co., her father, Rev. J. D. Lumsden, was a minister there.

The Keelings were very prominent in Princess Anne. The first one came over with Adam Thorogood from England about 1634. They reared a large family, all dead, but grand and great-grandchildren, many living now in Princess Anne, one is living in Norfolk (Mrs. Ashburn) who was Kemper Keeling, daughter of Judge Milnor Keeling (my father's nephew), who studied law under my father and practiced here until his death.

The Woodhouse family also is a large prominent family of Princess Anne and Norfolk, earliest settlers of Princess Anne. Dr. Robert Woodhouse was a classmate of our William Peters in Medical College, Richmond; a fine man of whom we are very fond; also Dr. Woodhouse of Chapel Hill University of North Carolina, brother of Dr. Robert Woodhouse. My father, John Whiddon Peters, lived during his second marriage at Princess Anne Court House in his grandfather's old home. After his second wife died (he was Commonwealth's Attorney of Princess Anne) he moved to Norfolk, practiced law and married my mother, Susan. He bought a very large, handsome house on Granby Street. He brought his servants with him. All of my mother's children were born there and even after the war the servants would not leave, so she always had some of them and their children. I can remember them by name (44 of them) My father, the practicing

law, engaged in several business affairs. When The Peoples Bank was organized (now The Bank of Commerce) he was foremost in the organization and was made its President and remained in that capacity until his death on April 6, 1900.

My parents lost their three first children, then James Sidney, Elizabeth Brandon, Keeling, and John Marvin - Keeling died at 3 yrs of age. James Sidney was about 12 yrs. old when our father died. He was educated in Dr. Galt's School for boys until he was sent to Suffolk Military Academy. Later went to Hampden Sydney College and even after he was married at 19 yrs. to Violet Morgianna Brandon, (his half cousin), he studied law at the University of Virginia. He was most interested in politics and was sent from Campbell County (where he then lived on a farm belonging to his wife), to the Virginia Legislature, the youngest man ever to go except John W. Dandell, who, I believe, was the same age.

After this he was genuinely converted, through the influence of his devoted wife and the interest of the Methodist minister at the church. He began preaching and studying at once. They had two children, John Brandon and William Anthony Peters. He was a member of the Virginia Conference until his death. Dr. John Brandon Peters, prominent Methodist minister, married Pearl Retlaw. They have one child, Mary Manning Peters. Dr. William Anthony (a prominent doctor in Elizabeth City, N.C.) married Sue Powell of Emporia, Va. They have one child, Dr. Wm. Anthony Peters, Jr., now on the Staff of Duke University Hospital. He is married and has one child.

After the death of his wife, J. Sidney Peters married Sara Lee Robertson, of Salem, Virginia. They had seven children, Josephine Willis, Anne Lumsden, James Sidney, Jr., Sara Lee, Howard Robertson, Franklin Woodson and Elizabeth Churchill. After J. Sidney Peter's death in 1923, the family moved to Mrs. Peter's mother's home in Salem, Virginia.

I find I have left dear Marvin out entirely and myself. John Marvin Peters, youngest child of Susan Anne and John Whiddon Peters, born 21st January, 1872, died in Pittsburgh July 21, 1914.

John Marvin married Julia Atwood of Beaver, Penn. They had one child, Marian, who married William Christopher, now divorced. She has a position in N.Y. and has lived there for many years.

Elizabeth Brandon married Luther R. Britt of Suffolk, Va. He was a real estate broker in Norfolk. They had one child, Margaret Lumsden Britt, who married S. Chester Markley of Roanoke. They have one child, Elizabeth Brandon, who married Basil Dennis Spalding of Richmond, Va. They have two little boys, Basil III and Carter Brandon Spalding, and live in Richmond. These boys are 8 and 6 yrs. old.

Bessie Peters Britt.

July 6th, 1950

Mrs. L. R. Britt,
803 W. Graydon Ave.,
Norfolk, Va.

Dear Mrs. Britt:

I note in my file, that the last correspondence I had with you, was in December 1948.

Since that time, I have done a great deal of work on the Woodhouse, Whidden and other lines. I have had professional genealogists working for me both in England and America, this latter, being a man who was formerly a Professor at the University of California on genealogy.

I have discovered a great many things, and it is my intention, as soon as I can get all the facts together, to make up a little pamphlet and distribute it free to those who have been of service to me in my researches. If you would be interested, let me know and I will put you down for a copy.

With reference to the Whidden line, I have records of the genealogy in England down for many generations to Sir John Whidden, who died in 1578, having had six sons and seven daughters.

I do not have the genealogy of the family from him to the immigrants to America, and I believe you stated in one of your letters, that you had this. If so, I would appreciate your sending it to me, as it will save me some time searching for it.

I also have a number of other references from publications in this country, of the doings of the Whiddens, and will be pleased to send those to you, if you desire.

Enclosed is a self addressed and stamped envelope for your convenience in replying.

M. D. Rutherford/h
enclosure

Yours very truly,

July 9th, 1950

Dear Mr. Rutherford:

I received - I am glad that you have pursued your genealogy so faithfully - I am afraid you are mistaken about my having Anne Whiddens genealogy trace to her family in Eng. - I only know that she was from Wrayshire in England and married John Pettit also in Eng. - I have a cousin I will send. Dennis C. Dicks - Marine Corps - gave me his papers to copy I don't even know where he is now, but with me - my best of luck I guess. I have 11 neck and shoulders and I will have me papers to copy etc.

July 19, 1950

Mrs. L. R. Britt
803 W. Graydon Ave.
Norfolk, Va.

Dear Mrs. Britt:

With reference to the information I have on Whidden Line, I am having this typed on one sheet and will send it to you soon. There is a gap between the English Line and the American Branch which I will get busy and see if I can close. I have several professional genealogists working for me and I think if it can be found they will locate it.

The same is true of the Carter Line. If you will send me what you have on the Carter Line, or at least that portion of it where my line connects with the Carter Line and previous to that time, I will try and see if I can't clear up that little hitch which you refer to in your letter. Also, I will of course give you the information when I secure it.

Yours very truly,

Milton D. Rutherford
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August 12, 1950

Dear Mr. Rutherford:

We have just returned from our summer in the mountains, so I am answering yours of July 19th.

I cannot find the record of General Lemuel Shepherd on the Peters and Whidden Line which I sent you. I took the day yesterday to go through my records of Harris - Lanindon - Brandon, Carter and Britts. It was a job, so I had to go to bed from it.

The Peters Line I sent you (or that part given me by Gen'l. Shepherd), I cannot find it so can't give you dates but you must have it in your records. That is all I have. John I in America married Ame Whidden of Shragshire, England. All I know, told me by a great aunt. Mrs. Sheppherd, is that he, John Peters, came from England and settled in Norfolk County (now Princess Anne). My father's Bible and Law Library was stolen from a cottage of ours at Cape Henry (now Fort Story) when it was unoccupied. John married, (I can't find the date.)

Now about Carters, I have a great deal copied from Mrs. Lewis Chapman's book. She is descended from same line we are, so I will copy the date and tree partly and send you. My daughter will not let me mail my records to any one. If you are ever in Norfolk, you are welcome to have it here, at our home.

I hope you will excuse my writing. I have had a terribly mashed and cut hand. Surgeon had to sew rip in several places, have had very little use of it since. Can only write a few lines at a time.

Have you ever written to Doctor Woodhouse of Chapel Hill, Univ. of N.C.? He has all the data on the Woodhouse Family.

This Miss or Mrs. Amelia E. Cutliff, Albany, Ga., has family Bible of Carters giving dates which are required on all Patriotic Societies. I would very much like to have photograph copy of her dates of our line back to John II who died 1693 married Elizabeth Wormley, etc., if she has them. Maybe you can get one from her.

I shall be looking for your pamphlet when it is finished. Good luck and best wishes.

(Signed) Bessie Peters Britt

Sept 8th 1950

Dear Mr. Rutherford, Thank you

very much for this type written letter
etc. you have sent, giving much in-
formation about Willard's etc. from
Lower Norfolk Co. Hills, they don't seem
to come down to our ancestor marrying
John Peters, but I think Gen'l Lemuel
Shepherd has that history but it is
hard to get him now in this horrible
war - I had it once, but lent it to some
one in the family and it never came
back. I feel sure there are other ac-
counts in L. N. County records, but I am
no good at searching - Who got these
records for you? surely would like to
know. I think I sent you the name of
Mrs. Hope Kellam so you may have

September 14, 1950

Mrs. Bessie Peters Britt
803 W. Graydon Avenue
Norfolk, Virginia

Dear Mrs. Britt:

Received your letter of September 8 and clipping which I will have photostated and return the original to you.

I am engaged in a very ambitious undertaking. You know how you get into these things gradually; it starts out to be a small undertaking and becomes a project. Apparently no one has ever done much on the Woodhouse line and whatever has been done is only partially correct and in scattered articles. I have become deeply interested in this and have made extensive investigations in England and this country and have had part of this work done for me by professional genealogists, who don't work for love.

I will from time to time send you articles which I have written for your inspection and if you desire, you may keep the copies. In the back of my mind is the possibility that at some future date I will have these all written up so that they can be published in book form if such seems advisable at that time.

I am preparing a chart of the Woodhouse line, from my daughter back to the earliest Woodhouses on which I can find any record in England, with all the allied lines springing from the marriage of Sir William in 1554 to Elizabeth Calthorpe. The Calthorpe family was connected by marriage to many of the famous names in the peerage of England and Scotland, including several kings and queens of both countries.

This chart will be documented with over 400 references to unassailable authorities and at present is approximately 4 ft. x 6 ft. This will be photostated and reduced to 3 ft. x 4 ft., and I may have one hundred copies of it made. Some of these copies will be distributed to various genealogical libraries in this country and England as will also be the articles which I hope to have printed in the Virginia Historical Magazine, and members of the family can secure their information from these sources if they desire. However, as there will probably be some demand for copies for their personal use of both the articles and the chart, I will probably have a few extra copies made up, as I will probably receive requests to be notified when it is ready and will be making up lists of such requests and I suggest that you give me the names of all members of the family and allied families who might be interested and when I have anything ready which may be distribut-

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Mrs. Bessie Peters Britt
Norfolk, Virginia

September 14, 1950

ed in large numbers, I will communicate with them.

It might be necessary for me to make a small charge for the actual printing of the items and the chart, but they would, in any case, secure the benefits of the money I spent in research at no cost to them. I might add that this cost of research is running well over two thousand dollars at present.

When these articles are printed, I will undoubtedly receive some letters as a result of that publicity, and only if I secure sufficient requests for the charts will I have them reproduced in large quantities. As you probably are aware, these things are much cheaper if done in larger quantities. The first chart will probably cost me one hundred dollars to reproduce, but one hundred copies could probably be reproduced for approximately ten dollars per copy. This, however, is only a guess.

Yours very truly,

M. D. Rutherford/mn

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907 W. Graydon Ave., Norfolk, Va.
May 12, 1951

Dear Mr. Rutherford:

Your letter has just arrived and I hasten to tell you I have all the information there is on the Carters from relatives, etc. and two books on Carters, copies of Wills, etc., so I do not wish you to take time and trouble to send me yours. Mrs. Chapman who is from the same line sent me her book of the family to co.y. Mr. Britt was connected with her family with the Riddicks of Va. We have his genealogy (Mr. Britt's) back to one of the early Kings (Edward) I forget which one, but we have it written and published by Lyon Gardner Tyler, LL.D., Pres. of William & Mary College, Pres. of Va. Historical Society and author of many books on Va. His book or books of Va. Biography has the Digges & Coles of Va. and Williamsburg in Volumes I. Then I have my lines from the Harrises of Va.

803 W. Graydon Ave.
May - 18th, 1951.

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Feb. 2 - 1951

Dear Mr. Rutherford, I just received your letter of apology for not answering your letter of late Sept., but I have just opened, mailed today, and not till your letter, as I was to include my trip, was location of old farm and property of Wood house and feeling lines. I really would have to get some more to drive me down to Lynnhaven to see Mrs. Nettie Mrs. John & root Wood house. I am not at all familiar with the place.

However I have planned today to Mr. Ashburn, when I get to the place. I feel that my trip is not worth the trouble if she would help me, as this for me. Her husband is an invalid, she said the next really good day, she would drive in (lives in Suffolk, Va.) and get me and take me into her house for the day. I only know me feeling home, the original one, built in 1834, out of the water just lately, but she knows it. and I would have some, many, many times changed. I would suggest to you that you contact Mrs. J. W. C. Neal, I have her in contact with Mrs. John & root Wood house at Lynnhaven, Va. they are more important Wood-

water your area in the descendants they always lived there 50 yrs. ago - until they moved to Norfolk several times re- It has changed, owners several times recently. I don't know the name of present owner. The Wood house was built

M DREXEL RUTHERFORD

803 W. Graydon Ave.
May 17 - 1953

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Dear Mr. Rutherford, receive

your registered letter a day or two ago. Yes I am still in the land of the living, but for him long who knows.

I have had a chapter of accidents through the wind and spring not able to make a large for a long time with a badly sprained hand, but am picking up my writing again - now - You must it did be a very busy man to be able to keep up your interest and help in all the organizations held in your little head, not to speak of your business (unless you have retired). I appreciate the check you sent me, but I'm sure I shall not

hands several times. I appreciate your invitation, but I am a very poor one to give the many old places - hope you can get my first story and see the movement to the very first landing there and the

May 23, 1951

Mrs. Bessie Peters Britt
803 W. Graydon Ave.
Norfolk, Va.

Dear Mrs. Britt:

I can readily understand that with all the array of possible or probable F.F.V.'s that you would not be interested in carrying the Carter line too far. However, I have been and am now corresponding with Mrs. Chapman, and am quoting from her letter to me, as follows:

"I had quite a lengthy correspondence with Mrs. Cutliff many years ago. She claimed that our Carter line descended from John Carter the brother of the 'King'. I have studied very carefully his Will and that of his wife and I just cannot find any possible clue that he left a son, John. I feel positive that we somehow belonged to this Carter clan but so far I cannot prove a thing beyond the John Carter Goales, born in 1690, the father of John (merchant-my ancestor), Dr. James, Dr. William and Thomas, killed in the F. & Ind. War. John Carter's job was an appointive position when 'King' Carter, as far as Virginia was concerned, was what his title stands for. John Carter I in his original will leaves a bequest to his nephew John Carter, which the clerk skipped in his recording of the will. I imagine he was the son of Edward Carter of Mansfield Co. where John I first settled, but with the records of Mansfield gone and those of James City, it seems hopeless getting back of 1690 as registered in the Carter Bible carried by Mrs. Cutliff's family to Georgia.

I am still struggling and will let you know if I ever find anything further, nobody knows how I hope to eventually straighten this line, with what we know of the families in which our families married, we are bound to have been 'top notch'.

In spite of this discouraging news I am still working on it and have used Dr. James Carter with the Sons of the American Revolution, but would, of course, like very much to carry the line farther back.

Yours truly,

MDR/BS

M. D. Rutherford



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